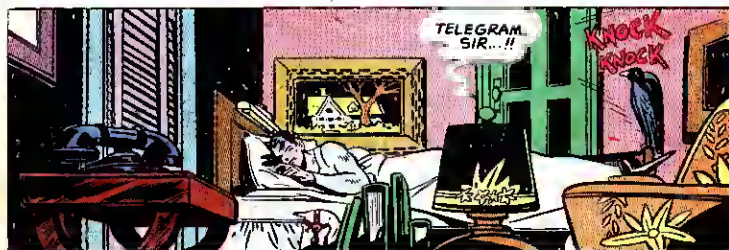
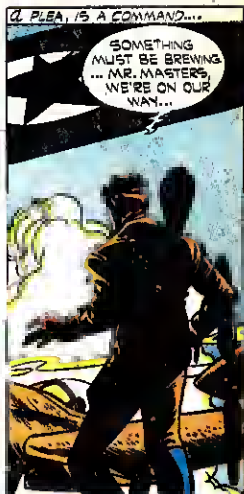


# THE GOLDEN EAGLE



**D**URING THE WAR, THE FLIER KNOWN AS GOLDEN EAGLE, WAS A MAN WHO BELIEVED DEEPLY IN **DEMOCRACY**. WITH THE WAR OVER, HE HAS A BITTER FIGHT ON HIS HANDS, WHEN HE FINDS A PLACE WHERE DEMOCRACY IS NOT... AND THE "PLUMED SERPENT" FLIES....





OH... THIS IS JUST DANDY...  
I'M FIFTY MILES AWAY  
FROM MY DESTINATION  
WITH NO WATER AND A  
CRUDE MAP...

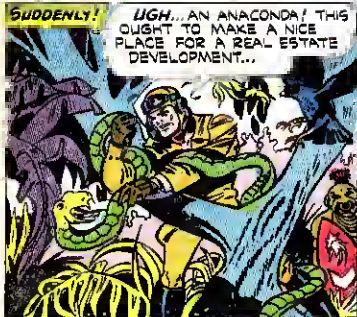


I DON'T EVEN HAVE A **MACHETE**...  
... MY ONLY HOPE IS TO FIND  
SOME FRIENDLY NATIVES...



**SUDDENLY!**

UGH... AN ANACONDA! THIS  
OUGHT TO MAKE A NICE  
PLACE FOR A REAL ESTATE  
DEVELOPMENT...



MAN FROM BIG BIRD,  
EVEN THOUGH HE WALKS  
WITH BIRD, IS NOT  
A GOD...!

NO...THE SERPENT  
DIDN'T PAY HIM  
HOMAGE! COME...  
WE LEAVE HIM  
TO HIS FATE...



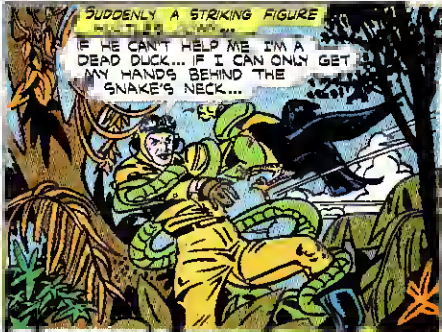
**COILING, CONSTRICTING, DEATH  
COMES CLOSE...**

GUESS I'M NOT IN  
CONDITION... THIS IS  
GETTING A TRIFLE  
RUGGED...



**SUDDENLY A STRIKING FIGURE**

IF HE CAN'T HELP ME I'M A  
DEAD DUCK... IF I CAN ONLY GET  
MY HANDS BEHIND THE  
SNAKE'S NECK...





WITH LIBERTY'S HELP AND SOME BRUTE FORCE ON THE SNAKE'S NECK, THERE IS A SUDDEN SNAP... AND...

—WHEW... THAT WAS AN ANFULLY CLOSE CALL... I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER...

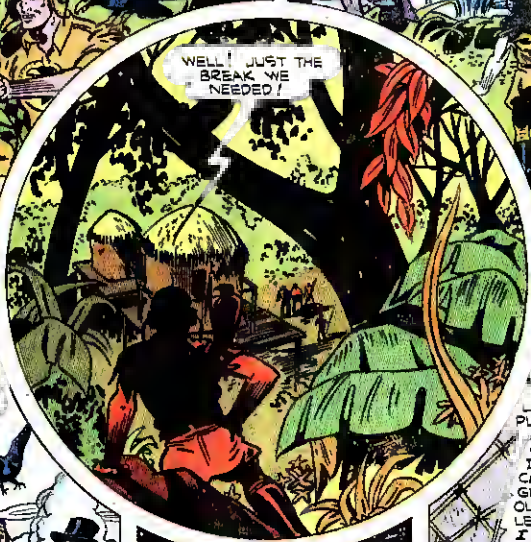


BORING A WAY THROUGH THE UNDERBRUSH IS LIKE FIGHTING A MYRIAD OF CONSTRICTORS...

I FEEL AS IF I WALKED FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO... WAIT... WHAT'S THAT AHEAD...



WELL! JUST THE BREAK WE NEEDED!



...CAN I GET SOME WAT... HEY...!! LAY OFF... I'M A FRIEND!!



NOT FAR AWAY...

A WHITE MAN, HUH? BATTON, DO YOU THINK ANYONE HAS LEARNED OUR PLANS?

QUIET, SLATTERY, I THINK WE CAN USE THIS GUY TO SUIT OUR PURPOSES! LETME THINK... I GOT IT!!



BUT PROTEST AS MUCH AS HE CAN...

FINE HOSPITALITY! NOW WHAT? I WONDER.



THE PLUMED SERPENT IS  
CALLING FOR A SACRIFICE!  
SUMMON THE HIGH  
PRIEST...

HE WILL BE  
HAPPY!



I HAVE BEEN INFORMED  
THAT THE **MIGHTY ONE**  
WILL RECEIVE THE HOMAGE  
THAT IS DUE HIM...

YES...AS SOON AS  
YOU HAVE MADE  
PREPARATIONS...



GOLDEN EAGLE IS BEING  
DRAGGED TO THE  
SACRIFICIAL ALTER...

I WONDER WHAT'S  
COOKING... ULP...  
MAYBE IT'S GOING  
TO BE ME...

NO  
TALK...  
WALK!

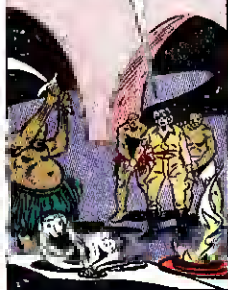


I THOUGHT THIS KIND OF  
BUSINESS WENT OUT WITH  
THE "PERILS OF PAULINE"...  
I WONDER...THE NATIVES IN  
THIS AREA ARE SUPPOSED  
TO BE FRIENDLY...

PREPARE HIM...  
THE **MIGHTY ONE** GROWS  
IMPATIENT!



OH... I SEE... THE LAMB IS  
THE APPETIZER! I'M TO  
BE THE MAIN COURSE...  
OR MAYBE NOT! **HERE  
COMES LIBERTY!!**



**STOP...**  
THIS VILE  
BIRD HAS  
DESECRATED  
THE....

THIS IS MY  
CHANCE...  
FEET, GET  
A MOVE  
ON...!



ULP. OOF.  
DON'T....

THAT FOULED  
UP THE WORKS  
FINE! NOW, IF I CAN  
GET UNDER COVER...

WHITE MEN...!! I WONDER  
WHAT THEY'RE DOING HERE!  
MAYBE THEY ARE BEHIND  
THIS... I'D BETTER BE  
QUIET UNTIL I FIND OUT  
WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



DEEP INTO THE PROTECTING UNDERBRUSH...

I HOPE THEY DON'T ASSOCIATE  
LIBERTY WITH ME... HE  
LOOKS LIKE A **SIGN POST**  
UP THERE! WHEN... THEY  
PASSED ME BY...

CONFUSTION REIGNS...

THE PLUMED SERPENT  
IS FURIOUS! HE IS NOT  
USED TO BEING  
TREATED SO DISRESPECT-  
FULLY! HE DEMANDS A  
SACRIFICE IMMEDIATELY!

I DON'T BLAME  
HIM! GO  
BACK...WE'LL  
CALL YOU LATER...

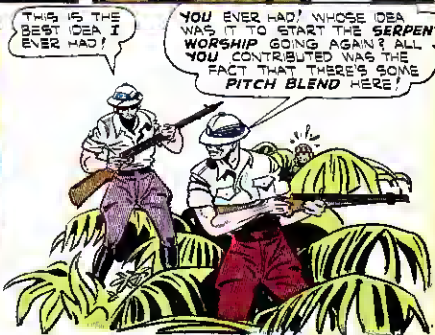


WE'RE IN  
A BAD  
SPOT!

WE HAVE TO FIND  
THAT GUY OR...  
WE MAY WIND  
UP BEING  
SACRIFICIAL GOATS!

THIS IS THE  
BEST IDEA I  
EVER HAD!

YOU EVER HAD! WHOSE IDEA  
WAS IT TO START THE **SERPENT**  
WORSHIP GOING AGAIN? ALL  
YOU CONTRIBUTED WAS THE  
FACT THAT THERE'S SOME  
**PITCH BLEND** HERE!





BUT THAT  
**LITTLE  
CONTRIBUTION**  
WILL NET US A  
FORTUNE!

SO, THAT'S THEIR SET-UP... I'LL  
BET THEY DON'T PROTECT THE  
NATIVES AT ALL WHEN THEY'RE  
DIGGING... LET'S SEE... THERE  
SHOULD BE SOME WAY THAT I  
CAN UPSET THEIR APPRECIATION!

I THINK WITH YOUR HELP  
LIBERTY, WE MAY BE ABLE  
TO TRAP THESE RATS OR  
AT LEAST PUT THEM OUT  
OF BUSINESS! FOLLOW  
ME WHILE I GO BACK  
AND GET THE SNAKE!

**LIBERTY WATCHES...**

NOW, IF  
I CAN  
MAKE HIM  
UNDERSTAND  
...I HAVE  
TO TAKE  
THE CHANCE!

WHEN  
THE  
NATIVES  
ARE AT  
THE  
ALTER...

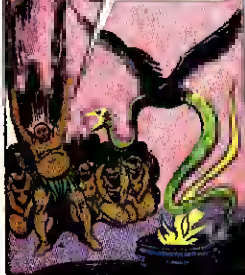
**MIGHTY  
PLUMED  
SERPENT,**  
GIVE US A  
SIGN! SHOW  
US THY  
PRESENCE!

NOW'S  
THE TIME... IF  
THIS WORKS, THOSE  
WHITE MEN ARE  
GOING TO BE VERY  
UNHAPPY!

SUDDENLY... AS THOUGH IN ANSWER, A WIERD SIGHT SWOOPS INTO VIEW...

GEE... WHAT A WIERD SIGHT... LIBERTY WITH THE DEAD SNAKE DRAPED AROUND HIM!

MIGHTY ONE, HE HAS A SOLUTION TO US... SPEAK... SPEAK...



THIS WORSHIP IS DESTASTED TO ME! END IT! RO YOURSELVES OF THE WHITE MEN WHO STARTED IT! I WISH TO GO BACK TO YOUR ANCESTORS WHERE I BELONG... BACK TO THE AZTECS!

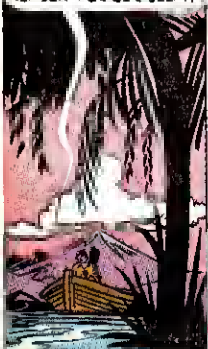


THAT SHOULD DO IT! OH BROTHER, WHAT THOSE CHARACTERS COME BACK... THEY'RE A FOR A LITTLE SURPRISE! NOW, I STILL HAVE TO GET TO RONO DEL ORO...



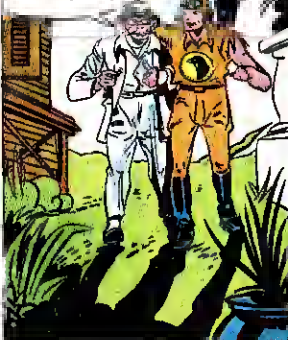
LUCKY BREAK, FINDING A RIVER BOAT NEARBY, ENDS THE JOURNEY...

WE'D STILL BE KNEE DEEP IN JUNGLE IF I HADN'T FOUND THE RIVER BOAT! HERE WE ARE... NOW FOR MR. MASTERS! WE'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR OUR DELAY!



I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME, GOLDEN EAGLE. YOU NEED NOT EXPLAIN YOUR DELAY! MY PROBLEM IS SERIOUS! THE INDIAN NATION HAVE SUDDELY RENEWED THEIR OLD CUSTOMS...

I HEAR A FAMILIAR RING IN YOUR STORY!



...THE ANCIENT PRACTICE OF SACRIFICIAL WORSHIP OF THE AZTEC PLUMED SERPENT! SOME BLACK GUARDS ARE LONG THE MEANS TO MAKE THEM WORK RADIIUM MINES, AND THEY ARE DYING LIKE FLIES FROM RADIIUM ACTIVE BEAMS... WHY DO YOU LOOK SO PLEASED, GOLDEN EAGLE...?

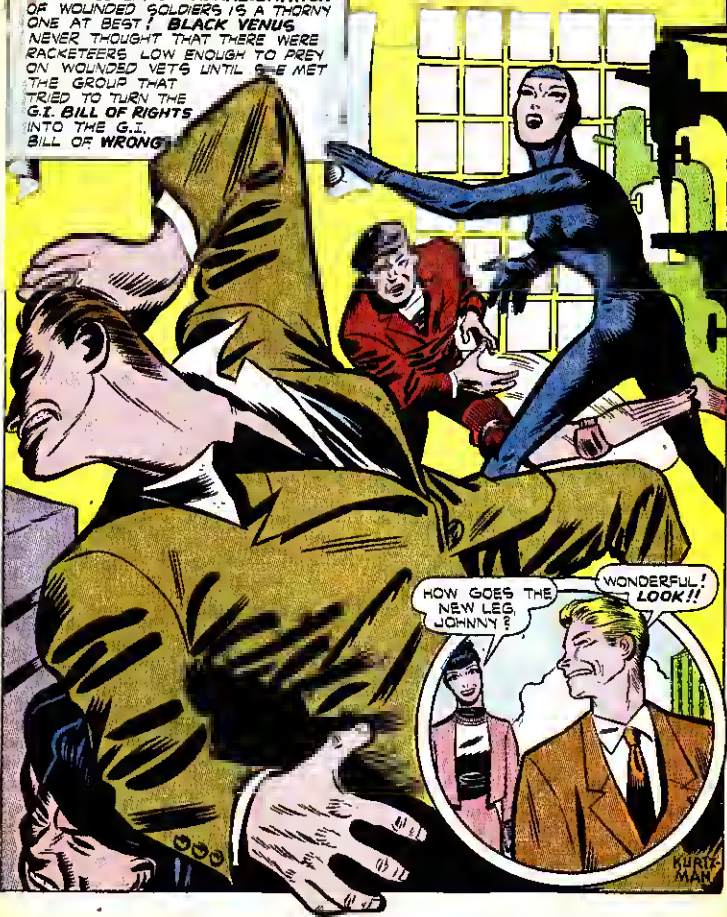
HA! HA! MR. MASTERS, THIS IS MY FASTEST CASE ON RECORD! LIBERTY AND I SOLVED YOUR PROBLEM BEFORE WE GOT HERE! TAKE A BOW... LIBERTY!





# BLACK VENUS

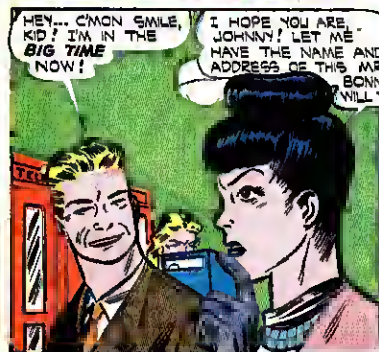
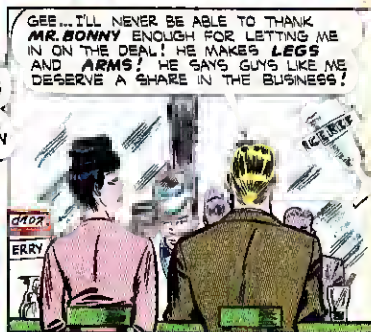
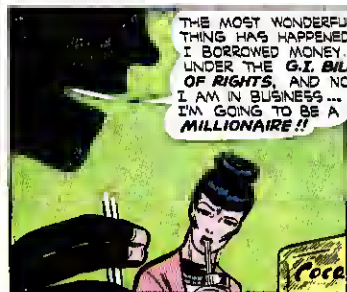
THE PROBLEM OF REHABILITATION OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS IS A THORNY ONE AT BEST! **BLACK VENUS** NEVER THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE RACKETEERS LOW ENOUGH TO PREY ON WOUNDED VETS UNTIL SHE MET THE GROUP THAT TRIED TO TURN THE G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS INTO THE G.I. BILL OF WRONG.



HOW GOES THE  
NEW LEG,  
JOHNNY?

WONDERFUL!  
LOOK!!

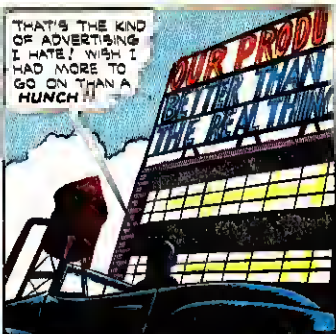
KURT-  
MAN



I WONDER IF I'M GETTING TOO SUSPICIOUS  
IN MY OLD AGE... I THINK **BLACK VENUS**  
IS THE GAL TO INVESTIGATE THIS!



THAT'S THE KIND  
OF ADVERTISING  
I HATE! WISH I  
HAD MORE TO  
GO ON THAN A  
HUNCH!



**S**LIM AS A REED, SILENT AS THE NIGHT, A  
BLACK SILHOUETTE GLIDES ALONG...

THERE YOU ARE, SON... YOU  
NOW OWN FORTY EIGHT SHARES  
IN **BONNY'S PROSTHETICS!!**

GEE... I'LL  
NEVER BE  
ABLE TO  
THANK YOU  
ENOUGH  
SIR!



I'M THE ONE THAT SHOULD  
THANK YOU, AFTER ALL YOU  
DID FOR OUR COUNTRY!

IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT  
SOME OF MY BUDDIES WILL  
BENEFIT ALSO, BECAUSE  
OF MY INVESTMENT!



H'MM... NOT  
A BAD DAY  
AT ALL!

THAT DOESN'T  
TELL ME A  
THING... I  
BETTER GET  
A MOVE ON!

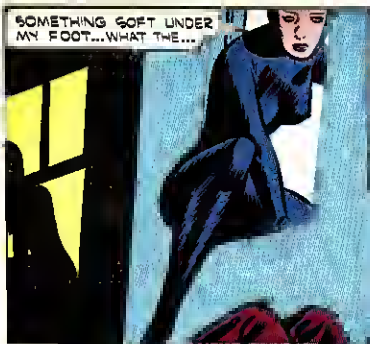


EVERYTHING LOOKS AND  
SOUNDS ALL RIGHT!  
MAYBE I WAS TOO  
HASTY WITH MY  
THOUGHTS...





SOMETHING SOFT UNDER  
MY FOOT...WHAT THE...



SAY...WHAT'S GOING  
ON HERE... SPEAK  
UP...

OH STOP IT...  
YOU KNOW I'M  
HELPLESS TO  
STOP YOU IN  
YOUR INFERNAL  
"RACKET"...

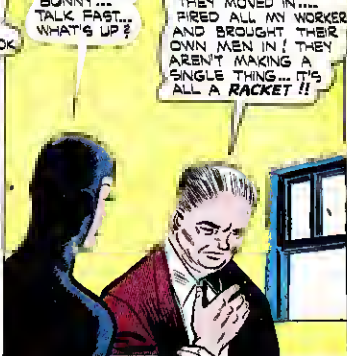


WHAT RACKET? YOU  
INTEREST ME... PLEASE  
CONTINUE...

I DON'T KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE, BUT MY  
NAME IS **BONNY**...  
AND I OWN THIS  
FACTORY... OR **DID**  
TILL THOSE RATS TOOK  
OVER!

SO... YOU ARE  
THE REAL  
BONNY...  
TALK FAST...  
WHAT'S UP?

I'VE BEEN A PRISONER  
HERE FOR DAYS!  
THEY MOVED IN...  
FIRED ALL MY WORKERS  
AND BROUGHT THEIR  
OWN MEN IN! THEY  
AREN'T MAKING A  
SINGLE THING... IT'S  
ALL A **RACKET** !!



IF YOU CAN CLIMB  
OUT THIS WINDOW,  
YOU'LL FIND MY CAR  
DOWN BELOW...  
GET THE POLICE AS  
QUICKLY AS YOU  
CAN...!

BUT WHAT ARE **YOU**  
GOING TO DO? YOU'RE  
ONLY A GIRL...



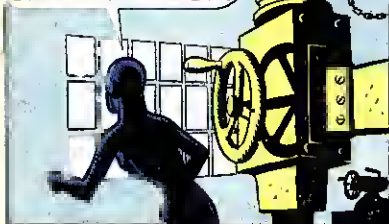
DON'T WORRY, I CAN TAKE  
CARE OF MYSELF, AND ANY  
CROOK THAT GETS IN  
MY WAY...

I'LL BE BACK  
WITH HELP AS  
SOON AS I  
CAN...



FRAGILE

I GET THE PICTURE NOW! THEY'RE SELLING THE SAME STOCK OVER AND OVER AGAIN! THEY'LL GET ALL THE MONEY THEY CAN COLLECT... THEN LEAVE THE REAL BONNY HOLDING THE BAG!



IT'S WORKING LIKE A CHARM! WHEN THE BANKS INVESTIGATE BEFORE THEY ADVANCE THE MONEY TO THE G.I.'S, THEY'LL FIND A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS IN OPERATION...!

PRIVATE

YEAH, BUT IT'S GETTING PRETTY HOT, WE'D BETTER TAKE IT ON THE LAM, SOON!



IT'S HOT ALL RIGHT, BOYS... AND I'M THE ONE THAT'S TURNING ON THE HEAT!

WHAT THE... IT'S THE BLACK VENUS! CROAK HER, SLIM...!



HEY BOSS! SHE'S MAKING WITH JOO-JITSEW!

THIS'LL BE A PLEASURE! SHE'S STUCK HER CHIN OUT ONCE TOO OFTEN!

LESS TALK AND MORE ACTION! IF SHE'S HERE, THE COPS MAY BE ON THEIR WAY, TOO!



YEAH... AND I'M GOING TO MAKE STEW OUT OF HER!



OOOOOFF... GET OFF ME YOU IDIOT!

I'LL FIX HER FOR THIS!!

